Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on lines 7-17 of page 3 with the following amended paragraph:

Once the loop 30 is tilted upwardly from the surface of the can top 36, the slot 20 of the tool blade 18 can be readily slid over the loop 30, receiving the loop, moving into the orientation shown in FIGURE 3. After the loop is received in the slot, with the shaft 12 of the tool. In the illustrated embodiment the shaft 23 is fixedly secured to the handle 14 and the user simply rotates the tool handle 14 with wrist motion. This motion ruptures the failure line 52, lifting the top 36, shown in FIGURE 4. The continued rotation of the tool handle will cause the top to roll or wrap about the shaft 12, severing the top 36 entirely from the container 38. The wrapped can top 36 is readily separated from the tool 10, since the slot 20 is open-ended, and the tool is easily slipped from the can top, permitting disposal of the top, requiring only that the user tilt the tool 10 into a vertical position, and the wrapped top 36 will fall from the tool shaft 12.

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

A tool for opening pull-tab type of metal containers has a shaft terminating at its working end with an elongated blade with an open, longitudinal slot forming two longitudinal segments. One segment extends beyond the open slot and terminates in a tapered blade which is inserted beneath the loop of the pull tab to raise the loop and permit the open-ended slot of the tool blade to be slipped over the loop. Then the user simply rotates the tool shaft about its axis to peel the top from the container.